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Practices

Intellectual Property Law
International Law and Services
Start-ups

Industries

Emerging Technology
Manufacturing
Data & Intellectual Assets
Life Sciences
Pharmaceuticals

Education

- University of North Carolina, J.D., 2001
- North Carolina State University, M. C.E., 1998
- North Carolina State University, B.S., 1993

Admissions

- North Carolina
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Eric Mills serves as Chair of Nexsen Pruet's Intellectual Property practice group and is a registered patent attorney who has the broad-based understanding and hands-on experience clients need to manage virtually every aspect of their intellectual property matters, from patents and trademarks to copyrights and trade secrets.

Eric devotes a significant portion of his practice to preparing and prosecuting patent and trademark applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and in foreign jurisdictions, as well as advising regarding issues of patent and trademark infringement. He is well versed in the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Madrid protocols, and concentrates his practice in the area of international intellectual property law. Eric has a broad background in strategic planning and management of client intellectual property portfolios, including acquisition, maintenance, and licensing of U.S. and foreign patent and trademark assets.

Clients that Eric works closely with include a number of companies in the start-up and manufacturing sectors. This includes businesses with interests in medical and diagnostic devices; geotechnical and geogrid products; microfluidic devices; textiles; home and personal appliances; and general mechanical, electromechanical, and biomechanical technologies. He also partners with various universities in order to protect intellectual property developed at the educational institution level.

- United States District Court,
Eastern District, North Carolina
- United States Supreme Court

Recognitions

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for "Lawyer of the Year" for Copyright Law in Raleigh, N.C. in 2020
- Listed as a 2016 *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* "Leader in the Law."
- Listed in *North Carolina Super Lawyers*® - Intellectual Property, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Copyright Law in 2012 – 2015, 2019, 2020
- Listed in Legal Elite, *Business North Carolina* - Intellectual Property, 2004, 2006, 2008-2012, 2019
- Legal Elite Hall of Fame – Intellectual Property, since 2013
- IP Star, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2013 – 2014, 2018
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence
- Certified Legal Lean Sigma® and Project Management Yellow Belt

Community & Professional

- Member, American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Association of University Technology Managers
- Member, Carolina Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Association
- Board Member, Secretary, Marine Bio-Technologies Center of Innovation
- North Carolina Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section (chair, 2012-2013; vice chair, 2011-2012; treasurer, 2010-2011; secretary, 2009-2010; council member, 2003-2009; co-editor, IP Links, 2006-2008)

News

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Nexsen Pruet Attorneys Named 2019 Legal Elite of North Carolina